GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to ensure food security and to curb and contain the spiralling food prices, the Government has imposed certain restrictions on exports of foodgrains including rice, edible oils and oil seeds;

(b) if so, the details of such checks and restrictions;

(c) the extent to which the food prices have been checked and brought down thereby;

(d) whether the US has advised India to refrain from banning and checking food exports; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) to c) : Yes, Sir. The Government; with a view to ensure food security and to curb the spiraling food prices; has regulated the exports of food grains including rice, edible oils and oil seeds. The Notification Nos. 37, 38 and 39 dated 3rd September, 5th September and 16th September 2008 respectively issued from the office of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) regulate exports of rice, while Notification Nos. 85, 92, 3 and 33 dated 17th March, 1st April, 11th April and 19th August 2008 respectively from DGFT regulate exports of edible oils. These measures have helped in controlling the steep hike in food prices.

d) to e) : No, Sir. Government has not received any such advise from Government of USA.